

School Board Meeting December 4, 2006

The annual re-organizational meeting of the Redbank Valley School Board was held, Monday, December 4, 2006, 7:10 P.M., Redbank Valley High School Library. The following members were in attendance: Dee Bell, Louise Clemens, Randy Frampton, Vince Markle, Theodore Minich, Shirley Pastor, Glenn Watson and Lou Ann Williams. Kimberly Walls was absent.

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Louise Clemens to nominate Glenn Watson as temporary president. Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Watson then asked for nomination for President.

Shirley Pastor nominated Theodore Minich, for President of the Redbank Valley School Board.

A motion was made by Louise Clemens seconded by Lou Ann Williams that the nominations for President be closed. Motion Carried Unanimously

The Board Secretary cast a vote by hands, Motion passed Unanimously, Temporary President announced that Theodore Minich, is elected President, Redbank Valley School Board.

Mr. Minich then asked for nomination for Vice President.

Louise Clemens nominated Dee Bell, Vice President of the Redbank Valley School Board.

A motion was made by Louise Clemens seconded Glenn Watson that nominations for Vice President be closed. Motion Carried Unanimously

The Board Secretary cast a vote by hands, Motion passed Unanimously, Mr. Minich announced that Dee Bell is elected Vice President, Redbank Valley School Board.

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Louise Clemens that the school board meetings dates be approved as presented. The meetings will be held at 7:00 P.M. in the Redbank Valley High School Library. The meeting dates are as follows: January 8, 2007; February 5, 2007; March 5, 2007; April 2, 2007; May 7, 2007; June 4, 2007; July 2, 2007; August 6, 2007; September 4, 2007; October 1, 2007; November 5, 2007; December 3, 2007.

Mr. Minich then asked that the motion to approve the school board meeting dates be held. Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Minich then asked for nomination for CCAVTS representative for the School board term 2007-08.

Dee Bell volunteered to serve as CCAVTS representative of the Redbank Valley School Board.

A motion was made by Glenn Watson seconded by Shirley Pastor to appoint Dee Bell to serve as CCAVTS representative for the School board term 2007-2008. Motion Carried 7-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstention (Bell)

Mr. Minich announced that with the resignation of Jeffrey Merwin a board member is needed to represent the board on the Professional Negotiation committee.

Louise Clemens nominated Dee Bell, Professional Negotiation representative of the Redbank Valley School Board. It is to be noted that Mr. Bell was elected to serve as an alternate for the committee and with this nomination Mr. Bell would be moving up to accept the vacant position.

A motion was made by Louise Clemens seconded by Shirley Pastor to appoint Dee Bell to serve on the Professional Negotiation committee. Motion Carried 7-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstention (Bell)

Mr. Minich announced that additional school board committees would be reviewed at a later date.

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Louise Clemens to adjourn at 7:20 P.M. the reorganization meeting. Motion Carried Unanimously

The regular school board meeting was called to order by Theodore Minich, President. Mr. Minich announced there was a work session at 6:30 P.M. and an executive session at 6:40 P.M. for personnel matters.

A motion was made by Lou Ann Williams seconded by Glenn Watson to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of November 6, 2006 and the work session of November 20, 2006. Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Minich asked if anyone from the public wished to address the board on public concerns. Marcie Doyle addressed the school board of requesting her son to attend Keystone Smiles. Mrs. Doyle stated that the additional help being received at Keystone Smiles as to one on one teaching was helping her son to succeed. Mrs. Doyle was requesting that the school board place her son at Keystone Smiles for the remainder of this school year and for his senior year.

Mr. Minich stated the request would be considered later in the meeting.

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The Student Representative report was presented by Gale Garmong. Mr. Garmong introduced himself to the school board and commented on the sporting events and upcoming events at the High School for the month of December.

Jason Knisely presented the Elementary Report. Mr. Knisely reported that renovations are near completion at Hawthorn or New Bethlehem buildings. Mr. Knisely reported that Veterans Day programs held in each building had a guest speaker and musical performance. Mr. Knisely extended a thank you to all attendees and stated the importance students need to see in celebrating heroes of past and present freedoms we are thankful for. The Christmas Musical and Honor Chorus are well underway and the students from each building are being well prepared with the direction of Mr. Stahlman who has organized and directed this event. Included in his report is a calendar of events for December.

Mary Wolf presented the Director of Education report. Mrs. Wolf commented on the Curriculum Council which is being revitalized as per the Strategic Plan. Mrs. Wolf informed the board on the 4-Sight assessments which were scanned and scored by aides then analyzed by teachers on the Act 80 day. Mrs. Wolf reported that Jane DiGiammarino presented to the staff of Punxsutawney Area School District on November 17, 2006 a workshop entitled "Peer Review: Inviting Students to Join the Evaluation Process were students analyze other students writings of papers and provide feedback to the students. Mrs. Wolf finally commented on the Act 80 Day agenda items which was held November 28th and how well the staff participated in the days events.

Stephen Dobransky presented the Secondary Report. Mr. Dobransky first introduce in Mr. Sarachine who reported to the school board his attendance at the PA Science Teacher Conference. Mr. Sarachine thanked the board for allowing him to attend the conference and informed the board of the various science teachings techniques that were presented at the workshops. Mr. Sarachine also reported to the board on the Act 80 day presentation of Trooper Carmichael, Safety In Our Schools and suggested to the board if they would get an opportunity to have it presented to them. Mr. Dobransky reported that the Hometown High Q team was victorious over Ringgold and Peters Township and the show will air January 13th at 11:00 a.m. on KDKA-TV. Mr. Dobransky informed the board on the Ninth grade trip Washington D.C. and how well behaved the students were during days they experience our nations capital of events. Mr. Dobransky acknowledged the student atheletes who were selected All-Conference KSAC for 2006 season in both football and volleyball in his report and finally included a calendar of events December.

Dr. Cornish presented the Superintendent Report. Dr. Cornish began by introducing the following teachers in attendance Karen Dawson, Molly Mitchell, Deborah Bonnano, Kristen Landers and Debra Dinger. Dr. Cornish informed the board on the Act 80 day presentations by Trooper Carmichael and Mr. Hager to the staff on current issues confronting safety and teachers involvement with students in today's classrooms. Dr. Cornish was well

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pleased with the staff participation in the Question/Answer phase of the presentations. Dr. Cornish then reported to the board that Clarion-Limestone S.D. was accepting students for an evening alternative education program which would start in the late afternoon from 3:00-7:00 p.m. with an estimated cost of \$25-\$30 for a minimum time of 10 days with a 30 day review. Dr. Cornish stated that students must be accepted into the program to participate. Dr. Cornish asked the board to consider participation as an alternative education program along with Keystone Smiles. Dr. Cornish also needed to schedule an expulsion hearing with board members, December 20, 2006 was scheduled starting at 6:30 p.m.

The following reports were presented for information only; Maintenance Report; Cafeteria Report; IU#6 Report; CCAVTS Report.

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to approve the second reading of the following policies; #100 Programs, Strategic Plan; #103 Programs, NonDiscrimination in School and Classroom Practices; #103-Attachment Programs, Report From for complaints of Discrimination; #113 Programs, Special Education; #115 Programs, Vocational Technical Education; #122 Programs, Extracurricular Activities; #123 Programs, Interscholastic Athletics; #146 Programs, Student Services; #200 Pupils, Enrollment in District; #204 Pupils, Attendance; #207 Pupils, Confidential Communications of Students; #209 Pupils, Health Examinations/Screenings; #210 Pupils, Use of Medications; #216 Pupils, Students Records; #218 Pupils, Student Discipline; #221 Pupils, Dress and Grooming; #226 Pupils, Searches; #233 Pupils, Suspension and Expulsion; #234 Pupils, Pregnant/Married Students; #235 Pupils, Student Rights/Surveys; #236 Pupils, Student Assistance Program. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Louise Clemens seconded by Dee Bell to approve Redbank Valley High School Student Council to Adopt-A-Highway which would run from the football field to the underpass at Oak Ridge. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Louise Clemens seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve ARIN resolution to participate in Cooperative Purchasing Program for 2007-08 school year. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Glenn Watson to bid General, Art, Industrial Arts, Extra-Curricular and Maintenance Supplies for the 2007-08 school year. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Louise Clemens seconded by Vince Markle to approve replacement of unit ventilators and refurbish ATC controls at Hawthorn and New Bethlehem Elementary. Motion Carried Unanimously

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A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve Superintendent to signed a four-year WAN contract with the Intermediate Unit for a monthly fee not to exceed \$2,600.00. Motion Carried 7-Yes, 1-No (Watson)

A motion was made by Vince Markle seconded by Lou Ann Williams to bid for High School building construction of Option#2 with the addition of cafeteria freezer and storage units. Motion Denied 3-Yes, 5-No (Bell, Clemens, Frampton, Pastor, Watson)

Mr. Bell then asked Mr. Minich to schedule a Public meeting for the purpose to discussion the construction of the addition to the High School. A date of January 4th, 2007 was scheduled for the Public Meeting at the High School Auditorium at 7:00 P.M.

A motion was made by Louise Clemens seconded by Shirley Pastor to award K.L.N.G. Ent. Inc. bid for Security System Upgrade at a cost of \$14,588.85. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Louise Clemens seconded Glenn Watson to approve students to go to Clarion-Limestone Area alternative evening education program. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Randy Frampton to approve parent request in sending student to Keystone Smiles. Discussion as to this matter led to the following motion.

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Lou Ann Williams to table the motion to approve parent request in sending student to Keystone Smiles. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve November, 2006 Treasurers Report. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to approve the November, 2006 General Fund Expenditures amounting to \$1,345,272.59. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Dee Bell to approve the October 2006 Milk and Cafeteria Fund Expenditures amounting to \$70,056.43. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Louise Clemens seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve the exoneration of Per Capita Tax for the 2006 tax year as presented. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve Dr. John M. Cornish to attend the I.U. Legislative Trip, January 28-30, 2007, Harrisburg, Pa. and Washington D.C. Cost to be incurred \$700.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

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A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve Dr. John M. Cornish to attend the PARSS Conference, April 25-27, 2007, State College, Pa. Cost to be incurred \$450.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Lou Ann Williams to retro-hire Angie Truitt as Child Specific aide as according to RVSSPA contract. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Lou Ann Williams to approve Carrie McIntire and students to attend District Chorus Festival, January 10-13, 2007 at United High School, Armagh, Pa. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Lou Ann Williams seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve David Bish and students to attend All-State Band Festival, April 18-21, 2007 at Hershey, Pa. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Louise Clemens to approve Seth Hammond as volunteer for the wrestling program. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell with no second to the motion to approve Anthony Adams as volunteers for the wrestling. Motion failed due to no second.

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Vince Markle to hire Randy Bowser as All School Play Director at 33 points @ \$32.00 = \$1,056.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Glenn Watson to approve Andrew Rex and Ski Club students to participate with Clarion Area Ski Club members on an Annual Ski Weekend at Quebec, Canada and March 22-26, 2007. No cost to be incurred by the district. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Louise Clemens to approve a student to compete in diving competitions as an independent with Brookville High School. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Lou Ann Williams seconded by Louise Clemens add Tami Doverspike to the substitute teacher list. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Lou Ann Williams seconded by Shirley Pastor to approve David Bish and students to attend Tri-State Honor Band Festival, January 11-13, 2007 at Mercyhurst College, Erie, Pa. Cost to be incurred by district \$905.00. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Louise Clemens to approve maternity leave for Megan Harmon tentatively starting February 26, 2007 with unpaid leave for the remainder of the 2006-07 school year. Motion Carried Unanimously

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At this time Mr. Minich announced that an executive session would be held to discuss confidential issues concerning a student matter at 8:55 P.M.

At 9:25 P.M. the regular meeting reconvened.

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded by Lou Ann Williams to remove from the table the consideration to approve parent request in sending student to Keystone Smiles. Motion Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Dee Bell seconded Randy Frampton to approve the parent request in sending student to Keystone Smiles. Motion Denied 0-Yes, 8-No (Bell, Clemens, Frampton, Markle, Minich, Pastor, Watson and Williams)

Louise Clemens commented on "Meet the Bulldog" night for the winter sport teams. Mrs. Clemens expressed here disappointment in the organization of the event, the use of equipment by coaches for making announcements and the poor attendance. Dr. Cornish explained that event is not a school activity but it is a sport booster event, this could explain the reason for how the night activities were handled. Mrs. Clemens than asked why the basketball team traveled to great length for a one game tournament. Mr. Dobransky explained that due to cancellation from other schools the tournament ended up being a one game date.

A motion was made by Shirley Pastor seconded by Glenn Watson to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:35 P.M. Motion Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack E. Loughner, Jr.
Board Secretary